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Mr. Robert Dudley
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Dear Mr. Dudley:

It is with mixed feelings that I write to welcome you as the incoming President of BP, and the new face of the disaster BP has created in the Gulf. I look forward to working with you through this crisis, and I truly hope that you will lead your company to fully repair the damage it has done to our coast, our way-of-life, and to the long-term outlook for oil production in the United States.

Today, I ask that BP show their commitment to the Gulf Coast by taking the almost \$10 billion in U.S. tax credits that your company is planning to claim, and devoting that money to coastal restoration projects in Louisiana. Although you may believe that you have a legal right to claim these credits, this action does nothing but further hurt the name of your company and provoke anger and despair in the residents of Louisiana. Given that it is unclear as to how long our communities will be damaged by this disaster, it is only fair that BP make a long-term investment in bringing our coast back to life.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. I look forward to meeting you, and I ask that you contact my office upon your next visit to Louisiana so that we may have the opportunity to discuss in person all of the issues I have raised with BP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles J. Melancon".

CHARLES J. MELANCON
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